Postal Delivery Zones in Delhi

1199. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of postal delivery zones in Delhi are multi-delivery zones, but the postmen make only one delivery of ordinary dak;

(b) if so, the names of delivery zones where two and three deliveries have been approved by the authorities but only one delivery of other than "registered dak" is make; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure compliance of the relevant orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir. There are no multi delivery zones of ordinary dak in Delhi. There is a single delivery for all ordinary dak.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Trapping of MTNL workers in Manhole

1200. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that two workers of MTNL were trapped in a manhole in Delhi on the 27th March, 2003, which they entered into to repair a duct pipe;

(b) if so, what was the status of the workers who died while on duty and compensation due to their next of kin;

(c) whether any employment is offered to the members of the families in such cases;

(d) the number of workers of MTNL who died while on duty during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether compensation due in those cases has been paid to the next of kin and the number of cases in which employment was also given to the members of the families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) One regular employee of MTNL working as Telephone Mechanic and one worker employed by MTNL approved contractor were trapped in the manhole.

(b) On account of accidental death of both the workers on duty, the following tentative compensation amount is due to their next of kin:

(i) Rs. 3,32,580/- for the next of kin of late Shri Mohan Lai (Telephone Mechanic).

(ii) Rs. 3,43,167/- for the next of kin of late Shri Azim, S/o Shri Mohammad Javed, who was employed by MTNL, approved contractor.

(c) Yes, Sir. Compassionate appointment is offered in such cases.

(d) and (e) Only one Telepone Mechanic of MTNL, Delhi died on 27th March, 2003, while on duty during last three years.

Telephone connections in villages

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SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set a target to provide telephone connections in all the villages of the country by December, 2002;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while granting licenses to telecom circles, a condition was imposed that private operators would cover 60,000 villages and action would be taken against those operators who fail to provide such coverage till December, 2003;

(c) if so, what is the number of villages covered by private operators, so far and also the number of operators against whom action has been taken for not fulfilling the conditions; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.